

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
August 12, 2008**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing was convened at 9:15 A.M., in Training Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Florence Jones-Clarke, R.N., M.S., Chairperson
Evelyn Lindsay, L.P.N.

STAFF PRESENT: Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., Discipline Staff

OTHERS PRESENT: Emily Field, Adjudication Specialist
Dawn Franco and Donna Whitney from the Health Practitioners Intervention Program

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED: **Patricia Clevenger, R.N. 0001-193206**
Ms. Clevenger appeared, accompanied by her attorney, Pamela Branch.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:37 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Clevenger. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Field attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 10:55 A.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Lindsay moved to close the case and impose no sanction due to insufficient evidence of a violation of the Nurse Practice Act or Board of Nursing regulations.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Norman Carson, R.N. 0001-086372

Mr. Carson appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:45 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Carson. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Field attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 12:08 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Lindsay moved to offer Norman Carson a consent order for indefinite suspension of his license for not less than two years in lieu of a formal hearing.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Mr. Carson and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Dona Altman, R.N. 0001-191118

Ms. Altman did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:20 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Altman. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Field attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 12:30 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Lindsay moved offer Dona Altman a consent order for indefinite suspension of her license until such time as she can appear before the Board and provide sufficient evidence that she is safe and competent to practice.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Altman and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Jennifer Mullins, L.P.N. 0002-072637

Ms. Mullins did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:35 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Mullins. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Field attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 12:40 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Lindsay moved to offer Jennifer Mullins a consent order for indefinite suspension of her license until such time as she can appear before the Board and provide sufficient evidence that she is safe and competent to practice.
The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Mullins and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Melissa Blankenship, L.P.N. 0002-074053

Ms. Blankenship did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 12:45 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Blankenship. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Field attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 12:50 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Lindsay moved to offer Melissa Blankenship a consent order for indefinite suspension of her license until such time as she can appear before the Board and provide sufficient evidence that she is safe and competent to practice. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Blankenship and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Angela Chambers, L.P.N. 0002-044401

Ms. Chambers appeared.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 2:10 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Chambers. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Field attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:20 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Lindsay moved to offer Angela Chambers a consent order for indefinite suspension of her license, with said suspension stayed contingent upon verification of Ms. Chambers' entry into the Health Practitioners Intervention Program within sixty days of entry of the order.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This Consent Order shall be effective upon endorsement of its findings, conclusions, and terms of consent by both Ms. Chambers and the Board.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Diane Minnix, R.N. 0001-183492

Ms. Minnix appeared, accompanied by a friend, Tammy Newcomb.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:15 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Minnix. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Field attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 3:45 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Lindsay moved to refer the case of Diane Minnix to the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof for a formal hearing.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

CONFERENCES

SCHEDULED:

Kelly Evans, L.P.N. 0002-066243

Ms. Evans did not appear.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:50 P.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Evans. Additionally, Ms. Lindsay moved that Dr. Elliott and Ms. Field attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary, and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 4:00 P.M.

Ms. Lindsay moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Lindsay moved to issue an order of reprimand to Kelly Evans and to require Ms. Evans to complete the National Council of State Boards of Nursing course: "Medication Errors – Detection and Prevention".

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Evans unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Evans

within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 4:05 P.M.

Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D.
Discipline Staff